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Application No.: 10/618,401

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute bentonite as the absorbent material; expanded perlite as the performance enhancing active; and homogeneously dispersed as the dispersal. No separate species of core has been elected because "the core [material] can also be considered an active" (see [0060] of Applicants' specification) and applicants original claim 1, deemed to be generic by the Examiner in the above-mentioned Office Action, did not include the limitation of a core material.

Original claims 1-83 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 84-108 have been added to better define the subject matter elected for prosecution on the merits. All new claims read on the species elected for examination on the merits.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by way of these amendments to the claims. Support for new claim 84 can be found in [0027], [0028], [0031] FIG.1 (104), [0041], [0045], [0060], and [0072] FIG. 3 of Applicants' specification. Support for new claim 85 can be found in [0028] and [0051]-[0059] of Applicants' specification. Support for new claims 86-90 can be found in [0054] of Applicants' specification. Support for new claims 91-94 can be found in [0115] of Applicants' specification. Support for new claims 95-96 can be found in [0073] of Applicants' specification. Support for new claims 97-99 can be found in [0113] of Applicants' specification. Support for new claim 100 can be found on page 5, Table 1 of Applicants' specification. Support for new claim 101 can be found in [0124] of Applicants' specification and in original claim 38. Support for new claim 102 can be found in [0149] of Applicants' specification and original claim 39. Support for new claim 103 can be found in original claim 46. Support for new claim 104 can be found in [0115] of Applicants' specification and in original claim 47. Support for new claim 105 can be found in [0123] of Applicants' specification and original claim 48. Support for new claims 106 can be found in [0075] of Applicants' specification and original claim 55. Support for new claim 107 can be found in [0114]-[0115] of Applicants' specification and original claim 69. Support for new claim 108 can be found in [0149]-[0150] of Applicants' specification and in FIGS. 8 and 9.

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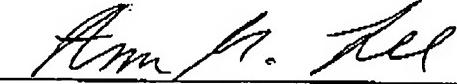
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 84-108 are in condition for allowance. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (510) 271-3136.

Respectfully submitted,

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